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AMERICAN ANTHROPOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

Proceedings of the Ithaca Meeting

December 27–29, 1905

The sessions of the American Anthropological Association and of the Council were held in the Botanical Lecture Room, Sage College, Cornell University, December 27–29, 1905. Prof. Franz Boas, Senior-Vice-president, presided in the absence of the President, Prof. F. W. Putnam.

Meetings of the Council

Members of the Council present were Messrs Boas, Bowditch, Dixon, Gordon, E. L. Hewett, Hyde, and MacCurdy.

The minutes of the special meeting held in San Francisco were read and approved. The report of the Treasurer was read and referred to the Auditing Committee. The Special Committee on program for the International Congress of Americanists to be held in Quebec, September 10–16, 1906, reported progress through its chairman, Dr George Grant MacCurdy.

The Committee on Nominations appointed by Professor Boas consisted of Dr MacCurdy (chairman), Mr Hewett, and Mr Hyde.

New members were elected as follows: Mr Charles M. Bean, Dr D. D. Berolzheimer, Mr H. L. Broomall, Mr E. S. Curtis, Dr G. V. N. Dearborn, Mrs M. C. B. Hoover, Dr Berthold Laufer, Mr J. A. Reardon, Mr Edward Sapir, Mr H. E. Sargent, Dr H. W. Shimer, Dr A. W. Stirling, Mr Erastus Tefft, Dr H. M. Whelpley, Prof. B. G. Wilder, Mr J. H. Wilson, Mr J. M. Wulfing.

Moved that a Committee on Policy be appointed by the President to represent the Association at the Council of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Carried. The President subsequently appointed Messrs Boas (chairman), Bowditch, Dorsey, Hodge, Kroeber, McGee, and Peabody to constitute this committee.

Moved that the President be empowered to appoint delegates to the International Congress of Anthropology and Prehistoric Archeology which will be held at Monaco, April 16–21, 1906. Carried. (Dr Charles Peabody and Dr George Byron Gordon were subsequently appointed delegates to the Congress.)

The report of the Committee on Nominations was read and approved, the officers recommended for the ensuing year being as follows:

President: Prof. Frederic W. Putnam, Cambridge.

Vice-President to serve four years: Prof. Franz Boas, New York.

Secretary: Dr George Grant MacCurdy, New Haven.

Treasurer: Mr B. Talbot B. Hyde, New York.

Editor: Mr F. W. Hodge, Washington.

Members of the Council to serve four years: Charles Peabody, James Mooney, J. D. McGuire, Berthold Laufer, Livingston Farrand, Frank Baker.

Committee on Program: G. G. MacCurdy, F. Boas, F. W. Hodge, A. L. Kroeber.

Committee on Finance: B. T. B. Hyde, Stanley McCormick, G. G. MacCurdy, W. H. Furness, 3d.

Auditing Committee: R. B. Dixon, E. L. Hewett, G. B. Gordon.

Committee on Publication: F. W. Putnam, Chairman, ex-officio; F. W. Hodge, Secretary, ex-officio; Juan B. Ambrosetti, Museo-Nacional, Buenos Aires, Argentina; Frank Baker, Washington; Franz Boas, New York; David Boyle, Department of Education, Toronto; Alexander F. Chamberlain, Worcester, Mass.; Alfredo Chavero, City of Mexico; Stewart Culin, Brooklyn; George A. Dorsey, Chicago; J. Walter Fewkes, Washington; Alice C. Fletcher, Cambridge; W. H. Holmes, Washington; H. von Ihering, São Paulo, Brazil; A. L. Kroeber, San Francisco; Rodolfo Lenz, Santiago de Chile; W J McGee, St Louis; Charles Peabody, Cambridge. (Dr G. B. Gordon, of the University of Pennsylvania, has subsequently been appointed.)

The following invitation to hold the next annual meeting of the Association in Washington, D. C., was read and referred to the Committee on Policy:

ITHACA, N. Y., December 27, 1905.

TO THE PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE AMERICAN ANTHROPOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION.

Gentlemen: The Executive Committee of the Archæological Institute of America voted last evening to accept the invitation of the Washington Society of the Institute to hold its next general session in Washington during the Christmas holidays in 1906. They also authorized the Secretary *pro tempore* to extend an invitation to the American Anthropological Association and the American Philological Association to hold their meetings in Washington jointly with the Institute.

The George Washington University has extended to the three societies the courtesies of the institution and the use of its buildings for their sessions.

In behalf of the Executive Committee of the Institute I beg to express the hope that the American Anthropological Association will vote to hold their next meeting in Washington.

Respectfully yours,
MITCHELL CARROLL,
Secretary pro tem. for Exec. Com'tee.

A closer affiliation with the Archæological Institute of America relative to membership dues was proposed by the Secretary and, by a vote of the Council, was referred to the Committee on Policy.

A communication from the Colorado Society of the Archæological Institute of America, requesting that the Association pass resolutions endorsing the Bill of Representative Hogg of Colorado, creating the Mesa Verde National Park, was read by Mr E. L. Hewett, who moved that it be referred to the Committee on the Preservation of American Antiquities with power to act for the Association. This Committee, at its meeting on the evening of December 28, voted to recommend legislation that would preserve the ruins of the Mesa Verde district, but did not pronounce in favor of any particular bill.

BUSINESS MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION

Election of Officers

Moved that the Secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for the officers recommended in the foregoing report of the Nominating Committee and approved by the Council. Carried.

Reports of Committees

Committee on American Archeological Nomenclature. Dr Charles Peabody, chairman, reported progress and asked that the Committee be continued.

Committee on Nomenclature of Indian Linguistic Families North of Mexico. Mr F. W. Hodge, chairman, submitted the following preliminary report, which was read by the Secretary:

Your committee, appointed at the meeting of the Association held at Berkeley, California, on August 21st last, "to report at the next regular meeting on the most desirable nomenclature for the Indian linguistic families north of Mexico," beg leave to say that owing to the importance of the subject and the difficulty of discussing the questions involved by reason of the wide separation of its members, have not yet found it practicable to reach such conclusions on all the points at issue as will warrant the presentation of a final report at the present time. It may be said, however, that a majority of the Committee are in favor of a radical change in the present system as well as in

the nomenclature itself. There has not been sufficient time, however, to collate all the suggestions made and to submit them to the individual members of the Committee for discussion.

I therefore beg to recommend that the Committee be continued and that it be instructed to present at the next regular meeting a final report on the subject. Should this recommendation be approved, it may be deemed advisable by the Committee, in conjunction with the Committee on Publication, to publish in the *American Anthropologist* the report of the majority as finally agreed upon, in order that full opportunity may be given members generally to openly discuss the recommendations proposed before final action by the Association is taken.

Respectfulty submitted,
F. W. HODGE, *Chairman.*

The Committee was continued.

Committee on the Preservation of American Antiquities. Mr E. L. Hewett reported progress. On his recommendation the Committee was continued. As Mr Hewett's paper, to be read later before the joint meeting of the Association with the Archæological Institute of America and the American Philological Association, would deal at length with the work of this Committee, discussion of the report was postponed until the joint meeting of the three societies and the meeting of the Joint Committee.

Auditing Committee. Dr Dixon, chairman, announced that the Committee had found the accounts of the Treasurer to be correct and moved the adoption of the latter's report, which follows:

Report of the Treasurer

RECEIPTS

Balance from 1904		$ 858.77
Anthropological Society of Washington, for subscription to the *American Anthropologist*		391.66
American Ethnological Society, for subscription to *American Anthropologist*		150.63
Annual dues		915.00
Annual subscriptions to *American Anthropologist*, Vol. VII		668.59
Sale of back numbers and extra copies		130.45
Publication Fund: For vol. VII, no. 3, plate 17	$200	
From special subscriptions	45	
Annual subscriptions	210	455.00
Authors' reprints (at cost)		196.73
		$3,766.83

EXPENDITURES

The New Era Printing Company, for printing, binding, and mailing *American Anthropologist* (vol. VI, no. 5, and vol. VII, nos. 1, 2, 3)	$1,845.24	
Printing Memoirs American Anthropological and Ethnological Societies	143.83[1]	
Illustrations for *American Anthropologist*	289.66	
Colored plate for vol. VII, no. 3	150.00	
Editor's expenses	225.00	
Insurance on back numbers	25.00	
Secretary's expenses	80.59	
Treasurer's expenses	136.14	
American Ethnological Society to cancel debt	62.40	
To correct bank error on foreign exchange	32.09	
Expenses of San Francisco meeting	77.00	3,066.95
Balance to meet outstanding liabilities		$699.88

Following the reading of Mr Hodge's paper on "The needs of the *American Anthropologist* in the direction of Bibliography and Reviews of American Anthropological Literature," it was moved that a committee be appointed to consider the question of Book Reviews. Carried. (Messrs Hodge (chairman), Chamberlain, Dixon, Gordon, and Wissler were subsequently appointed by the President to constitute this committee.)

Committee on Resolutions. — Dr MacCurdy submitted the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, that the American Anthropological Association express its appreciation of the courtesy of Cornell University in extending to the Association the hospitality of its buildings, the very cordial invitation to luncheon December 27th, 28th, and 29th, and the welcome personally given through its President, Dr Jacob Gould Schurman; that the Association express its appreciation of the ability and fidelity of Prof. H. C. Elmer in his capacity as Chairman of the Local Committee; that the thanks of the Association be extended to the Town and Gown Club of Ithaca for its hospitality so generously offered.

PAPERS READ

Mr Warren K. Moorehead: *Natural History vs. the Historical Method in the Study of Certain Stone Objects.* (Read by Dr Peabody.)

Dr Charles Peabody and Mr W. K. Moorehead: *The So-called Gorgets.* (Illustrated by stereopticon.)

[1] This sum was paid in behalf of the American Ethnological Society and the Association's indebtedness credited therewith.

Prof. Franz Boas: *The Theory of Evolution Applied to Ethnological Problems.*

Mr Edward Sapir: *Preliminary Report on an Expedition to the Upper Chinook.*

Dr Berthold Laufer: *History of the Game of Polo.*

Mr F. W. Hodge: *The Needs of the "American Anthropologist" in the Direction of Bibliography and Reviews of American Anthropological Literature.* (Read by Dr MacCurdy.)

Mr C. V. Hartman: *Use and Ornamentation of the Tree-calabash in Tropical America.* (Illustrated by stereopticon and specimens.)

Mr G. W. James: *Poetry and Symbolism of Indian Basketry* (with demonstrations).

Prof. Burt G. Wilder: (1) *The Statements and Opinions of Jeffries Wyman as to the Anthropoid Apes and their Approximation to Man.* (2) *Notes on Certain Human and Ape Brains in the Cornell Collection.*

(Papers read before the Joint Session of the Association with the American Folk-Lore Society, Prof. Thomas Frederick Crane, Dean of the University Faculty, Cornell University, presiding:)

Presidential Address of Miss Alice C. Fletcher: *Psychic Relation between Men and Animals* (by title).

Dr John R. Swanton: *A Concordance of American Myths.* (Read by Mr Newell.)[1]

Mr W. W. Newell: *Early Printed German-American Popular Medicine.*

(Papers read at the Joint Session of the Association with the Archæological Institute of America and the American Philological Association:)

Prof. Franz Boaz: *Philological Aspects of Problems of American Anthropology and Archeology.*

Mr Edgar L. Hewett: *The Preservation of American Antiquities; Progress during the Last Year; Proposed Legislation.*[2]

PAPERS READ BY TITLE

Dr Clark Wissler: *Some Psychological Elements in Primitive Art.*

Prof. Marshall H. Saville: *The Goldsmith's Art in Ancient Mexico.*

Mr Phillips Barry: *Folk-Poetry of New England.*

Mr John B. Stoudt: *German-American Riddles.*

Mr V. Stefánsson: *The Scandinavian Occupancy of Greenland.*

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[1] A Committee on the Concordance of Mythology was subsequently appointed, as folfows: Boas (chairman), Dixon, and Swanton.

[2] See page 109 of this issue.

Mrs Marie L. Lamoreaux: *Suggestions on the Origin of Prehistoric Ruins of the South American Continent, and Origin of the People and Civilization.*

Dr A. L. Kroeber: *Two Ceremonies of the Mohave Indians.*

GEORGE GRANT MACCURDY,
Secretary.

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